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The undersigned Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs ("IPPs") and Direct Action Plaintiffs ("DAPs") (collectively, "Plaintiffs") hereby submit this Opposition to Defendants' Motion for Partial Summary Judgment on Plaintiffs' Indirect Purchaser Claims Based on Foreign Sales ("Mot.") [Dkt. No. 3006]. INTRODUCTION Defendants, the world's largest cathode ray tube ("CRT") manufacturers, ask this Court to place their anticompetitive conduct beyond the reach of United States laws based on the Foreign Trade Antitrust Improvements Act ("FTAIA"). Yet over a thirteen-year period, Defendants reaped tremendous benefits at the expense of American businesses and consumers, who paid billions of dollars more than they should have for televisions and computer monitors containing Defendants' CRTs. Price-fixing is the "supreme evil of antitrust," Verizon Communications, Inc. v. Trinko, 540 U.S. 398, 408 (2004), and Defendants should be held accountable for their illegal conspiracy and the domestic injury it caused. They cannot escape liability by arguing that the FTAIA defeats Plaintiffs' claims. The FTAIA does not disturb more than a century of precedent intended to protect United States businesses and consumers from damage caused by cartels on United States soil. Defendants' motion should be denied.² ¹ The Foreign Trade Antitrust Improvements Act of 1982 states in relevant part that the Sherman Act: "shall not apply to conduct involving trade or commerce (other than import trade or commerce) with foreign nations unless (1) such conduct has a direct, substantial, and reasonably foreseeable effect (A) on trade and commerce which is not trade or commerce with foreign nations, or on import trade or import commerce with foreign nations; ... and (2) such effect gives rise to a claim under the provisions of [the Sherman Act] other than this section." 15 U.S.C. § 6a. As Acting Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Antitrust Division Scott Hammond has stated: "This conspiracy harmed countless Americans who purchased computers and televisions using cathode ray tubes sold at fixed prices." Declaration of Mario N. Alioto in Support of Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs' Opposition to Defendants' Motion for Partial Summary Judgment on Plaintiffs' Indirect Purchaser Claims Based on Foreign Sales ("Alioto Decl."), Ex. 1 (United States Department of Justice Press Release, Former Executive Indicted for His Role in Two Cathode Ray Tube Price-Fixing Conspiracies, dated February 10, 2009). Televisions and computer monitors containing CRTs are referred to hereinafter as "CRT Products."

| First, the FTAIA by its terms applies only to the Sherman Act, not claims brought |
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| under state law. Principles of statutory construction, legislative history, and federalism |
| support this conclusion. And, for similar reasons, state antitrust laws are not preempted by |
| the FTAIA, the dormant Commerce Clause or by comity concerns. It is a quintessential |
| role of the States to protect state residents and remedy injuries caused within state borders, |
| and federal courts have long recognized that states are entitled to enact and enforce their |
| own antitrust statutes. Construing the FTAIA to strip the States of this right likely runs |
| afoul of the Tenth Amendment. |
| Second, even if the FTAIA applies to state law, it does not apply to "import |
| commerce." Here, CRT cartel members sold a substantial volume of CRTs and CRT |
| Products directly on U.S. soil during the conspiracy period. Furthermore, import |
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commerce." Here, CRT cartel members sold a substantial volume of CRTs and CRT Products directly on U.S. soil during the conspiracy period. Furthermore, import commerce does not merely cover the conspiracy's direct domestic sales. Under the plain language of the statute and case law, import commerce extends to conduct "involving" import commerce, and here that standard is met. The FTAIA is no bar to recovery where, as here, U.S. residents seek damages for injuries caused in the United States by a global cartel that knew full well its conduct would harm American businesses and consumers. An extensive factual record establishes this case as one involving import commerce.

Finally, even if the FTAIA applied to Plaintiffs' claims, disputed material issues of fact preclude summary judgment. The FTAIA expressly allows U.S. plaintiffs to recover in cases involving direct, substantial and foreseeable effects in the United States, and Plaintiffs have adduced overwhelming evidence that the sales in question meet that standard. Accordingly, Plaintiffs' claims must be resolved on the merits at trial.

Defendants' motion must be denied.

BACKGROUND

A. Plaintiffs

Plaintiffs are comprised of two groups: (1) the Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs (the "IPPs"; and (2) the Direct Action Plaintiffs (the "DAPs"). The IPPs are residents of 22

U.S. states that have elected to provide a remedy under state law for end-user victims of antitrust violations, including price-fixing conspiracies. The IPP claims thus focus on U.S. residents who bought the relevant CRT finished products in the United States for use in their U.S. homes and businesses. DAP members are mostly manufacturers or commercial retailers and distributors, including, for example, Best Buy, Costco, and Tech Data.

B. **Nature Of The Cartel**

This case stems from a global price-fixing conspiracy in the market for CRTs, which are glass picture and display tubes used in computer monitors and televisions. Cartel members dominated global production and sale of CRTs and CRT Products throughout the relevant period. Their conspiracy lasted for more than a decade, from March 1995 to November 2007, with the stated purpose of raising CRT prices and profits above the competitive level. Plaintiffs have documentary evidence

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CRTs are component goods with no independent utility. They were produced by Defendants during the conspiracy period and incorporated—sometimes by Defendants, sometimes by third parties—into CRT computer monitors and televisions for resale to customers in the United States and elsewhere. CRTs represented a substantial portion (approximately 50%) of CRT monitor and television production costs during this timeframe, and the United States was the world's largest market for finished CRT goods.⁵

³ See Alioto Decl. Ex. 2,

⁴ See Alioto Decl. Ex. 3, April 15, 2014 Expert Report of Janet S. Netz, Ph.D (hereafter 'Netz Report"), Ex. 1. The cartel allegedly consisted of 14 defendant groups. *Id.* at 2.

See, e.g., id., Netz Report, at 109 ; *id.* at 72-74

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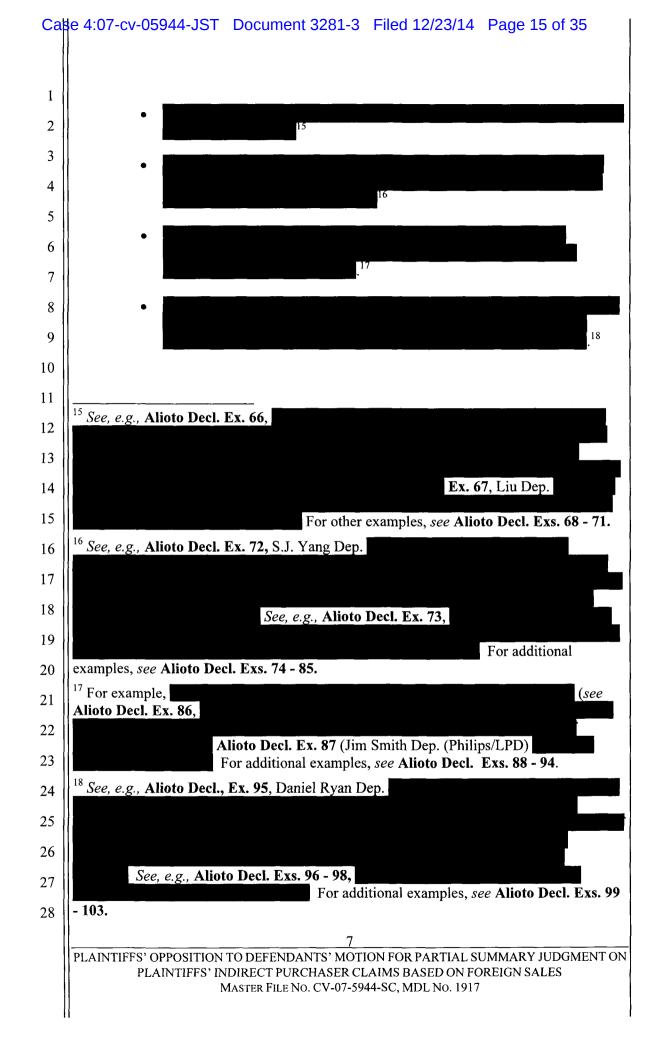
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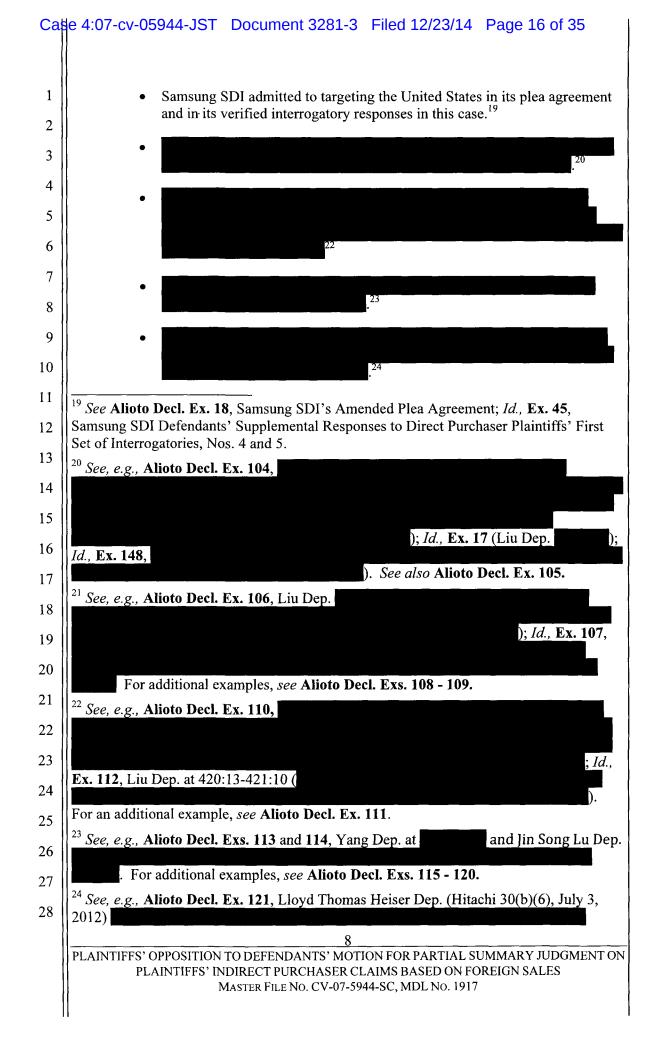
| 1 | Many of the CRT cartel members did business directly in the United States during | | | | | |
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| 2 | the conspiracy period and/or sold CRTs and CRT Products in the U.S. through controlled | | | | | |
| 3 | subsidiaries and affiliates. ⁶ They also engaged in conspiratorial conduct on U.S. soil. See | | | | | |
| 4 | note 14, infra. From 1995-2007, | | | | | |
| 5 | Netz Report, at | | | | | |
| 6 | Exs. 80-81 (| | | | | |
| 7 | As Defendants note, the chain of distribution for CRTs and CRT Products was | | | | | |
| 8 | varied. Some CRTs and CRT Products were manufactured in the United States while | | | | | |
| 9 | others were imported and sold in the U.S. directly by Defendants and/or their subsidiaries | | | | | |
| 10 | and affiliates. Other CRT Products were manufactured abroad using Defendants' price- | | | | | |
| 11 | fixed tubes, and then were imported and sold in the United States by third parties. At all | | | | | |
| 12 | events, | | | | | |
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| 16 | No matter the distribution channel, the cartel expressly targeted the U.S. market, | | | | | |
| 17 | and its effects were substantial and direct. Cartel participants knew their conspiracy | | | | | |
| 18 | would impact U.S. commerce and customers and intended that result. C.C. Liu, the former | | | | | |
| 19 | Vice President of Chunghwa Picture Tubes, Ltd. ("Chunghwa") | | | | | |
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| 21 | ⁶ See, e.g., Alioto Decl. Ex. 4, | | | | | |
| 22 |); Ex. 5, Toshiba America Electronic Corporation's ("TAEC") Rule 30(b)(6) Dep. (Jay Heinecke), | | | | | |
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| 25 | Exs. 6 - 10. ⁷ See, e.g., Alioto Decl. Ex. 11, | | | | | |
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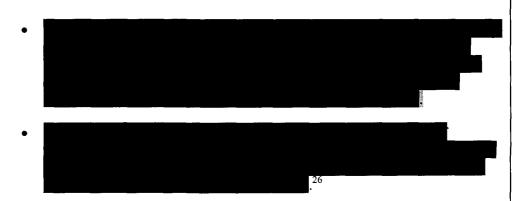
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1 2 3 Moreover, the conspiracy had a direct, substantial and foreseeable effect on U.S. 4 sales. Defendants' conspiracy targeted the U.S. market and U.S. customers. They focused 5 their CRT operations heavily on the NAFTA market and knew that a large portion of CRT 6 finished products—precisely the products incorporating the price-fixed tubes as major 7 components—would be sold to U.S. businesses and consumers. 8 The record is overwhelming that the cartel knowingly and intentionally affected 9 U.S. commerce for CRTs and CRT Products and includes evidence showing that: 10 11 12 13 For additional examples, see Alioto Decl. Exs 26 - 41. 14 See, e.g., Alioto Decl. Ex. 42, 15 16 Ex. 16, For other examples, see Alioto Decl. 17 Exs. 43 - 44. For purposes of antitrust enforcement, these subsidiaries/affiliates controlled by Defendants are treated as single entities whose CRT and CRT Product sales constitute 18 direct imports by Defendants. See Copperweld Corp. v. Independence Tube Corp., 467 19 U.S.752, 771 (1984) ("the coordinated activity of a parent and its wholly owned subsidiary must be viewed as that of a single enterprise for purposes of §1 of the Sherman Act 20 They are not unlike a multiple team of horses drawing a vehicle under the control of a single driver."). 21 ¹⁴ See, e.g., Alioto Decl. Ex. 45, 22 23 24 25 Id., Ex. 46. See also id. Ex. 47, 26 27 For additional examples, see Alioto Decl., Exs. 47 - 65. 28 PLAINTIFFS' OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT ON PLAINTIFFS' INDIRECT PURCHASER CLAIMS BASED ON FOREIGN SALES

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In short, the record is clear that the CRT conspiracy involved billions of dollars of United States import commerce. Defendants' conspiracy targeted this commerce and directly, substantially and foreseeably impacted U.S. customers, including Plaintiffs. As described below, these facts remove Plaintiffs' claims from the reach of the FTAIA.

LEGAL STANDARD

Summary judgment must be denied unless "there is no genuine dispute as to any material fact and the movant is entitled to judgment as a matter of law." Fed. R. Civ. P. 56(a). The "evidence of the non-movant is to be believed and all justifiable inferences are to be drawn in his favor." *Anderson v. Liberty Lobby, Inc.*, 477 U.S. 242, 255 (1986). "Credibility determinations, the weighing of the evidence, and the drawing of legitimate inferences from the facts are jury functions[]." *Id.*

); *Id.*, **Ex. 122**, Yasu Hisa Takeda Dep. (Hitachi 30(b)(6)) at 11:21-12:24 (

). For additional examples, *see* **Alioto Decl. Exs. 123 - 125.**25 See, e.g., Netz Report, Exs. 59 and 60; **Alioto Decl. Ex. 126**,

); *Id.*, **Ex. 127**,

). For additional examples, *see* **Alioto Decl. Exs. 128 - 145**.

26 See Netz Report, pp. 114-116 and Exs. 68 and 69.

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ARGUMENT

I. The FTAIA Does Not Apply To Plaintiffs' State Law Claims

A. The FTAIA's Plain Language Renders It Inapplicable To State Antitrust Law

On its face, the FTAIA only applies to the Sherman Act. *See* 15 U.S.C. 6a. The statute does not include any language extending its reach to state antitrust law, and this conclusion is consistent with Congressional intent. The Ninth Circuit recently explained that Congress's objective with the FTAIA "boils down to two principles": (1) "the FTAIA does not alter the Sherman Act's coverage of import trade"; and (2) the FTAIA limits the applicability of the Sherman Act to nonimport trade "unless the domestic effects exception is met." *United States v. Hsiung*, 758 F.3d 1074, 1086 (9th Cir. 2014). Neither principle implicates state antitrust law or suggests any intention to preempt it. *Cf. Boyd v. AWB Ltd.*, 544 F. Supp. 2d 236, 247 (S.D.N.Y. 2008) (finding the "FTAIA by its express terms applies only to Sherman Act claims" and therefore does not limit Clayton Act claims); *Hsiung*, 758 F.3d at 1090 (enforcing "plain terms" of FTAIA).²⁷

The FTAIA was part of an omnibus bill of four laws designed to encourage exports. Pub. L. No. 97-290, 96 Stat. 1233 (1982); *F. Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd. v. Empagran S.A.*, 542 U.S. 155, 161 (2004) (finding FTAIA seeks to make clear to exporters that the Sherman Act does not prevent them from entering into anticompetive business arrangements that "adversely affect only foreign markets") ("*Empagran I*"). Including the FTAIA, three of the four laws pertained to antitrust law. While two defined "antitrust law" to mean both federal and state antitrust or unfair competition law, the third – the FTAIA – did not refer to state antitrust law whatsoever.²⁸

²⁷ The legislative history also indicates that Congress intended to amend only federal antitrust law. *See* House Report No. 97-290, p. 2499 (intent "is to establish that the proscriptions of the Sherman Act do not apply to export or foreign commerce"); *see also* House Report No. 97-686, Aug. 2, 1982, Legislative History P.L. 97-290, p. 2488.

²⁸ Compare Export Trading Company Act of 1982, Pub. L. No. 97-290, § 103(a)(7), 96 Stat. at 1235 (defining "antitrust law" to mean Section 1 of the Clayton Act, Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act (to the extent it applies to unfair competition), "and any State antitrust or unfair competition law") (citations omitted) (emphasis added), and

As the other two laws in the omnibus bill demonstrate, Congress knew how to make the FTAIA applicable to state antitrust law but elected not to. 29 Indeed, Congress has been careful in the past to specify when amendments to federal antitrust law apply to state antitrust law as well. See, e.g., Antitrust Criminal Penalty Enhancement and Reform Act of 2004, Pub. L. No. 108-237, 118 Stat. at 666, § 213(a) (amendment is applicable to state antitrust law "in any civil action alleging a violation of section 1 or 3 of the Sherman Act, or alleging a violation of any similar state law..." (emphasis added); 15 U.S.C. § 37. Here, in contrast, Congress did not intend to apply the FTAIA to state law claims.

B. To Date, No District Court Has Performed A Thorough Analysis Of The FTAIA's Applicability To State Antitrust Law Claims

Defendants cite five district court decisions for the proposition that "courts consistently hold that the FTAIA limits state antitrust laws." Mot. at 5:2-18. But none of these decisions addressed the arguments above regarding the plain language of the FTAIA are its logical time history. 30 Indeed, one opinion expressly declined to address whether the

consistently hold that the FTAIA limits state antitrust laws." Mot. at 5:2-18. But none of these decisions addressed the arguments above regarding the plain language of the FTAIA or its legislative history. Indeed, one opinion expressly declined to address whether the FTAIA limits state antitrust laws. See In re Potash Antitrust Litig., 667 F. Supp. 2d 907, 928 (N.D. III. 2009) (finding state law claims involved import commerce and therefore declining to address potential conflict between federal and state law because they "are not presently at issue"). Whether the FTAIA applies to state antitrust claims remains an open question.

Export Trade Certificates Of Review, Pub. L. No. 97-290, § 311(6), 96 Stat. at 1245 (same); with FTAIA, Pub. L. No. 97-290, §§ 402-403, 96 Stat. at 1246-47 (amending Sherman Act and Federal Trade Commission Act without mention of state law).

²⁹ See Whitfield v. United States, 543 U.S. 209, 216 (2005) (Congress "clearly" has demonstrated that it knows how to impose an explicit overt act requirement "when it wishes to do so" because it has imposed one in 22 conspiracy statutes); Keene Corp. v. United States, 508 U.S. 200, 208 (1993) (Congress is presumed to act "intentionally and purposely" when it "includes particular language in one section of a statute but omits it in another [section of the same Act]").

³⁰ See, e.g., In re Intel Corp. Microprocessor Antitrust Litig., 476 F. Supp. 2d 452, 457 (D. Del. 2007) (finding state antitrust claims are limited by FTAIA without analyzing the text of the FTAIA or its legislative history); The In Porters, S.A. v. Hanes Printables, Inc., 663 F.Supp. 494, 502 n.8 (M.D.N.C. 1987) (holding that North Carolina's long-arm jurisdiction statute did not allow jurisdiction over a state law claim involving purely foreign conduct).

C. The Plain Language Of The FTAIA Is Not Altered By State Efforts To "Harmonize" Federal And State Antitrust Caselaw

State "harmonization" statutes seek to harmonize federal and state antitrust *caselaw* to the extent possible, but that does not mean state antitrust *statutes* are amended automatically every time Congress passes new legislation. That is not how harmonization works, particularly where, as here, Defendants' theory of "harmonization" would override the clear terms and intent of the state statutes at issue. *Compare* Fla. Stat § 501.204 ("It is the intent of the Legislature that, in construing subsection (1), due consideration and great weight shall be given to the interpretations of the Federal Trade Commission and the federal courts. . . ."), *with* Fla. Stat. § 542.31 ("No action under this chapter shall be barred on the grounds that the activity or conduct complained of *in any way affects or involves interstate or foreign commerce*." (emphasis added)).³¹

While all states may look to federal antitrust law for guidance to an extent, it is quite a leap to say this means state law automatically incorporates the FTAIA in the absence of statutory language from *either* Congress *or* the States indicating any intention for that to occur. Defendants' argument is particularly misplaced where, as here, they propose a radical substantive interpretation of the FTAIA that is squarely inconsistent with the States' fundamental interest in protecting state residents from international cartels. In these circumstances, general harmonization principles simply do not speak to the question of FTAIA incorporation. *Cf.* Minn. Stat. § 325D.66 (no action under Minnesota Antitrust Act is "barred on the ground that the activity or conduct complained of in any way affects or involves interstate or foreign commerce").

D. The FTAIA And The Commerce Clause Do Not Preempt State Antitrust Laws

Congressional intent is "the dispositive issue" in any federal preemption analysis,

³¹ General principles of harmonization do not require states to incorporate inconsistent federal law. *See*, *e.g.*, *Lorix v. Crompton Corp.*, 736 N.W. 2d 619, 629-30 (Minn. 2007) (harmonization should not "thwart the intent of the legislature"); *State of Cal. ex rel. Van de Kamp v. Texaco*, 46 Cal.3d 1147, 1165 (1988) (same).

| 1 | Aguayo v. U.S. Bank, 653 F.3d 912, 918 (9th Cir. 2011). That intent is determined by | | | | |
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| 3 | Crosby v. Nat'l Foreign Trade Council, 530 U.S. 363, 373 (2000). Since state antitrust | | | | |
| 4 | laws represent exercises of traditional state policing authority, any preemption analysis | | | | |
| 5 | must overcome the presumption that there was no intent to preempt state law. See | | | | |
| 6 | California v. ARC America Corp., 490 U.S. 93, 101 (1989) (finding "it is plain that | | | | |
| 7 | [anticompetive behavior] is an area traditionally regulated by the States"). 32 | | | | |
| 8 | With the FTAIA, Congress intended to address the effect of federal antitrust laws | | | | |
| 9 | on U.S. exporters' activities, see Empagran I, 542 U.S. at 161, while "preserv[ing] | | | | |
| 10 | antitrust protections in the domestic marketplace for all purchasers." H.R. Rep. No. 97- | | | | |
| 11 | 686, at 10 (1982), reprinted in 1982 U.S.C.C.A.N. 2487, 2495. Since there is no indication | | | | |

686, at 10 (1982), reprinted in 1982 U.S.C.C.A.N. 2487, 2495. Since there is no indication that Congress intended to limit state antitrust laws, and indeed intended to preserve all domestic remedies, Congressional objectives would not be impaired by declining to extend the FTAIA's reach to state antitrust laws. *See Chae v. SLM Corp.*, 593 F.3d 936, 943 (9th Cir. 2010) (preemption requires impairment of congressional objective).

For much the same reason, the dormant Commerce Clause does not preempt state antitrust laws. *Knevelbaard Dairies v. Kraft Foods, Inc.*, 232 F.3d 979, 993 (9th Cir. 2000) ("But the Supreme Court has made clear that neither the Sherman Act nor the Commerce Clause preempts state antitrust laws."). When it enacted the FTAIA, Congress was aware of state antitrust regulation and deliberately chose not to apply the FTAIA's reach to those state laws. *See Barclays Bank PLC v. Franchise Tax Bd. of Cal.*, 512 U.S.

In Bond v. United States, _U.S. __, 134 S. Ct. 2077 (2014), the Supreme Court held that a federal chemical weapons treaty cannot be interpreted "in a way that intrudes on the police power of the States" to regulate within state borders. Id. at 2090. "In our federal system, the National Government possesses only limited powers; the States and the people retain the remainder. The States have broad authority to enact legislation for the public good—what we have often called a 'police power." Id. at 2086 (quoting United States v. Lopez, 514 U.S. 549, 567 (1995)). Under these principles, "It has long been settled, for example, that we presume federal statutes do not . . . preempt state law." Bond, 134 S. Ct. at 2088 (citations omitted).

298, 327 (1994) (finding no violation of the Commerce Clause given "indicia of Congress" willingness to tolerate" state regulation of foreign corporations).

E. **Comity Does Not Bar State Antitrust Law Claims**

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Defendants attempt to invent a conflict between foreign and state antitrust law. Mot. at 9:18-22. When analyzing claims of prescriptive comity, courts require proof of an actual conflict between regulatory schemes.³³ Defendants have failed to provide evidence of an actual conflict because there is no conflict. Instead, the "application of our antitrust laws to foreign anticompetitive conduct is . . . reasonable, and hence consistent with principles of prescriptive comity, insofar as they reflect a legislative effort to redress domestic antitrust injury that foreign anticompetitive conduct has caused." Empagran, 542 U.S. at 165 (emphasis in original).

II. The FTAIA Does Not Bar Claims By U.S. Businesses Or Consumers

When Congress enacted the FTAIA, it was "concerned that the Sherman Act was excessively hospitable to suits alleging foreign injuries rather than injuries to American consumers."34 Thus, the purpose of the Act was "to exempt from the Sherman Act export transactions that did not injure the United States economy" while preserving remedies for domestic harm.³⁵ The FTAIA in no way altered the long-standing principle that the

³³ Mujica v. AirScan Inc., 771 F.3d 580, 600 (9th Cir. 2014) (courts have required proof of

conflict "in cases where prescriptive comity is at issue—that is, where a party claims that it is subject to conflicting regulatory schemes, such as antitrust laws or bankruptcy rules that apply extraterritorially"); Metro Indus. v. Sammi Corp., 82 F.3d 839, 846 (9th Cir. 1996).

³⁴ Fond du Lac Bumper Exchange, Inc. v. Jui Li Enterprise Co., Ltd., 795 F. Supp. 2d 847, 850 (E.D. Wis. 2011) (emphasis added) (citing Phillip E. Areeda and Herbert Hovenkamp, Antitrust Law, An Analysis of Antitrust Principles and Their Application, Vol. 1B, 3d ed. § 272i, at 287 (2006)).

³⁵ Hartford Fire Ins. v. California, 509 U.S. 764, 796 n. 23 (1993) (citing H.R. Rep. No. 97-686, ¶¶ 2, 3, 9, 10 (1982)). The FTAIA was not intended to apply to claims pertaining to import products and markets. See H.R. Rep. No. 97-686 at 9 (1982) ("To remove any possible doubt, the subcommittee amendment modified the legislation to make clear that it applied only to 'export' trade.").

antitrust laws apply to foreign conduct that produces a substantial effect in the United States.³⁶

Affirming this bedrock rule, the Supreme Court held in *Empagran I* that the Sherman Act continues to apply to foreign conduct whose domestic and foreign effects are "inextricably bound up." *Empagran I*, 542 U.S. 155, 171-72 (2004). In other words, the FTAIA "remov[es] from the Sherman Act's reach . . . commercial activities taking place abroad, *unless* those activities adversely affect domestic commerce [or] imports to the United States." *Id.* at 161 (emphasis added).

Courts consistently have limited the FTAIA exemption from Sherman Act liability to conduct that impacts *only* foreign markets.³⁷ Indeed, Defendants' cited cases are distinguishable because all dealt with *foreign* plaintiffs. *See* Mot. at 13:3-22. Where, as here, businesses and consumers in the United States are injured by foreign anticompetitive conduct, the antitrust laws continue to apply with full force and effect. *See, e.g., Minn-Chem, Inc. v. Agrium, Inc.*, 683 F.3d 845, 858 (7th Cir. 2012) (noting "the well-established principle that the U.S. antitrust laws reach foreign conduct that harms U.S. commerce"); *In re TFT-LCD Antitrust Litig.*, MDL No. 1827, 2014 WL 4652126, at * 2 (N.D. Cal. Sept. 18, 2014) ("*TracFone*") (because "conspiracy's intent was to 'suppress and eliminate competition' in the United States, defendants' conduct was not subject to the FTAIA"). ³⁸

³⁶ See, e.g., United States v. Am. Tobacco Co., 221 U.S. 106, 145, 172, 182-184 (1911); Timken Roller Bearing Co. v. United States, 341 U.S. 593, 597-98 (1951) (overruled on other grounds by Copperweld Corp. v. Independence Tube Corp., 467 U.S. 752 (1984)) (Sherman Act applies to international conspiracies that cause anticompetitive effects in the U.S.); Hartford Fire, 509 U.S. at 796.

³⁷ See, e.g., Hsiung, 758 F.3d at 1086 (Sherman Act does not prevent arrangements, "however anticompetitive, as long as those arrangements adversely affect only foreign markets" (citing Empagran I); U.S. v. LSL Biotechs., 379 F.3d 672, 678 (9th Cir. 2004) ("The FTAIA 'was intended to exempt from the Sherman Act export transactions that did not injure the United States economy") (citing Hartford Fire, 509 U.S. at 796–97 n. 23); Motorola Mobility LLC v. AU Optronics Corp., No. 14–8003, --- F.3d ----, 2014 WL 6678622, at *4 (7th Cir. Nov. 26, 2014) ("U.S. antitrust laws are not to be used for injury to foreign customers").

³⁸ See also Costco Wholesale Corp. v. AU Optronics Corp., No. C13–1207RAJ, 2014 WL 4718358, at *2 (W.D. Wash. Sept. 22, 2014) ("Costco") ("[T]he Sherman Act applies to

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Plaintiffs are U.S. businesses and consumers who, unlike foreign plaintiffs, cannot turn to another forum for relief.³⁹ The Court should not support Defendants' efforts to preclude recovery for injuries caused by their deliberate, anticompetitive conduct over a 13-year period—conduct that led to massive harm in the U.S. marketplace. III. **Defendants' Conduct Involves Import Commerce Exempt From The FTAIA** A. Conduct "Involving" Import Commerce Is Exempt from the FTAIA By its terms, the FTAIA does not apply to conduct involving import commerce. 15 U.S.C. § 6a (Sherman Act "shall not apply to conduct involving trade or commerce (other than import trade or commerce) with foreign nations") (emphasis added); Vitamin C, 904 F. Supp. 2d at 317 (FTAIA "makes clear that not only import commerce, but conduct involving import commerce, is never removed from the reach of the Sherman Act") (emphasis in original; citations omitted). Applying this standard to the not-uncommon situation in which global cartels target the United States through a combination of direct and indirect import channels, courts have held that international cartel conduct "involves import commerce"—and is thus removed foreign conduct that was meant to produce and did in fact produce some substantial effect in the United States.") (citing Hartford Fire, 509 U.S. at 796); In re Automotive Parts Antitrust Litig., No. 2:12-cv-00500, 2014 WL 4209588, at *7 (E.D. MI Aug. 26, 2014) ("The conduct at issue in this case is not the type of conduct Congress sought to exclude from the Sherman Act's reach"); Fond du Lac, 795 F. Supp. 2d at 850 (conduct involved both import commerce and foreign commerce and was the type Congress intended to reach under Sherman Act); In re Vitamin C Antitrust Litig, 904 F. Supp. 2d 310, 317 (E.D.N.Y. 2012) ("defendants' conduct was directed at the U.S. import market."). ³⁹ See Motorola, 2014 WL 6678622, at *10 (unlike foreign subsidiaries of American companies, who can seek remedy in their country of incorporation, "American consumers have no realistic choice but to buy finished goods that are assembled from components sold and assembled around the world") (quoting Connolly, "Repeal the FTAIA! (Or at Least Consider It as Coextensive with Hartford Fire)," CPI Antitrust Chronicle (Sept. 2014)). Citing this article, Motorola suggests that Illinois Brick should bar foreigncomponent civil damages cases. But the court was addressing foreign direct purchaser Sherman Act claims by foreign subsidiaries, not American indirect purchaser claims under state law. Indeed, the Connolly article itself states: "Many states have Illinois Brick repealer statutes. Component class action suits may be feasible in these states." Connolly,

at 7 n.19 (emphasis added). See Alioto Decl. Ex. 146.

| 1 | from the ambit of the FTAIA—when the conspirators sold a portion of their output directly | | | | | |
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| 2 | in the United States. Such is the case here. See pages 5-6, supra | | | | | |
| 3 |); Hsiung, 758 F.3d at 1090 n.7 (where "at least a portion of the transactions | | | | | |
| 4 | involve[d] the heartland situation of the direct importation of foreign goods into the United | | | | | |
| 5 | States," the conduct was import trade); <i>TracFone</i> , 2014 WL 4652126, at *3 (same). ⁴⁰ | | | | | |
| 6 | Courts have recognized import commerce in a variety of factual settings, including | | | | | |
| 7 | cartels that target the U.S. market. 41 The CRT Defendants did all of these things and more | | | | | |
| 8 | confirming that the conspiracy involved import commerce. ⁴² | | | | | |
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| 10 | 40 See also Fond du Lac, 795 F. Supp. 2d at 851 ("by allegedly agreeing to fix the prices of | | | | | |
| 11 | parts to be sold in the United States and taking the additional steps described above, defendants' conduct involved import commerce"); Fenerjian v. Nongshim Company, Ltd., | | | | | |
| 12 | No. 13-cv-04115-WHO, 2014 WL 5685562, at *15 (N.D. Cal. Nov. 4, 2014) (price-fixing in Korea of noodles manufactured in Korea, then imported into and sold in the U.S., | | | | | |
| 13 | "relates to import commerce and is therefore outside the scope of the FTAIA"). | | | | | |
| 14 | ⁴¹ See, e.g., Animal Science Products v. China Minmetals Corp., 654 F.3d 462, 470 (3d Cir. 2011) ("[f]unctioning as a physical importer is not a necessary prerequisite" and | | | | | |
| 15 | standard is met where conspiracy "directed" its behavior at U.S. import commerce); Fond du Lac, 795 F. Supp. 2d at 850 ("defendants' conduct involved import commerce" where | | | | | |
| 16 | conspirators did not import the price-fixed products directly but fixed prices for the U.S. market, established U.S. affiliates to handle importing, distribution and service, and | | | | | |
| 17 | travelled to the U.S. for sales and marketing); <i>Vitamin C.</i> , 904 F. Supp. 2d at 319 (import commerce where "defendants and their co-conspirators have participated in meetings and | | | | | |
| 18 | conversations in China and elsewhere in which the price, volume of sales and exports to the United States, and markets for vitamins were discussed and agreed upon"); <i>In re TFT-</i> | | | | | |
| 19 20 | LCD (Flat Panel) Antitrust Litig., MDL No. 1827, 2012 WL 3763616, at *1-2 (N.D. Cal. Aug. 29, 2012) (import commerce where conspirators sold components into Mexico's maquiladora program, under which a large percentage of the finished goods incorporating | | | | | |
| 21 | price-fixed components were shipped from Mexico to the United States); Costco, 2014 WI 4718358, at *3 (import commerce where any conspirator or its affiliate sold relevant | | | | | |
| 22 | finished products in the United States, regardless of complexity of upstream chain of manufacturing and distribution or inter-defendant transactions). | | | | | |
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| 24 |); pages 4-9 supra); page 5 supra | | | | | |
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| 26 | foreign parties, the intent and result of those transactions was the direct importation of | | | | | |
| 27 | contention that because they may have sold the parts in Taiwan they were not involved in | | | | | |
| 28 | import commerce is based on an unduly narrow understanding of import commerce."). | | | | | |
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Indeed, Defendants' narrow interpretation of import commerce would lead to perverse and unintended consequences for the American economy. Fond du Lac, 795 F. Supp. 2d at 850-51 ("the FTAIA affirms that the purpose of the Sherman Act is to protect consumers and businesses in the American marketplace from injuries arising from anticompetitive activity" and "Defendants' proposed narrow reading of import commerce would have the perverse effect of encouraging companies to engage in off-shore anticompetitive activity designed to harm American consumers and importers"); Costco. 2014 WL 4652126, at *4 ("No one suggests any reason that Defendants should be able to take shelter in the FTAIA by the simple expedient of having a conspirator incorporate the pricefixed panels into finished products for sale into the United States.").⁴³

To summarize, billions of dollars of Defendants' price-fixed CRTs were manufactured abroad for the express purpose of being used in CRT Products sold in the U.S. market. Regardless of the route taken to the United States, these CRTs—and Defendants' price fixing of these CRTs—clearly were "involved" in import commerce.⁴⁴

В. The Import Commerce Issue Involves Fact-Bound Jury Questions.

Defendants' motion should be denied for the additional reason that the question of

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⁴³ The authorities cited by Defendants are not to the contrary. See Mot. at 10:18-25. In Hsiung, the court did not need to decide "the outer bounds of import trade." Hsiung, 758 F.3d. at 1090 n.7. Minn-Chem does not state that the import commerce exclusion "applies only" to direct sales. It merely states that the direct sales between the Minn-Chem plaintiffs (U.S. entities) and foreign defendants were import commerce. Minn-Chem, 683 F.3d at 855. Furthermore, the U.S. Departments of Justice, State and Commerce have rejected Defendants' narrow interpretation of import commerce under the FTAIA. See Alioto Decl. Ex. 146, Motorola Mobility LLC v. AU Optronics Corp., No. 14-8003, Dkt. No. 89 at 8-9 (Brief for the United States) (Sept. 5, 2014, 7th Cir.) ("Anticompetitive conduct often can involve import commerce, even though the perperators are not themselves importers perhaps most commonly, a conspiracy to fix the price of products manufactured abroad and sold to customers in the United States, but physically imported by a third party, is conduct involving import commerce.").

⁴⁴ For similar reasons, courts have rejected Defendants' contention that import-commerce claims are barred because Plaintiffs are indirect purchasers. Cf. In re Automotive Parts, 2014 WL 4209588, at *1, 7 (denying motion to dismiss indirect purchasers' state law caims pursuant to FTAIA); Fenerjian, 2014 WL 5685562, at *1 (same).

| | FTAIA "import commerce" raises fact questions for trial, including questions of | | | | |
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| | Defendants' knowledge and intent. See Hsiung, 758 F.3d at 1090-92 (rejecting FTAIA | | | | |
| | challenge to criminal conviction, citing evidence of conspirators' knowledge and intent | | | | |
| | regarding U.S. effects); Vitamin C, 904 F. Supp. 2d at 317 (conspirators' intent bears on | | | | |
| question of import commerce); Costco, 2014 WL 4718358, at *5 (raising possible need | | | | | |
| | jury instructions "that define import trade" more broadly than <i>Hsiung</i>). | | | | |
| | IV. Even If The FTAIA Applies, Defendants Are Not Entitled To Summary Judgment Because Their Conduct Had A Direct, Substantial And Reasonably Foreseeable Effect On U.S. Commerce, Giving Rise To Plaintiffs' Claims | | | | |
| | Even if the Court adopts a narrow definition of import commerce, Plaintiffs satisfy | | | | |
| | the FTAIA, which does not apply to international cartels (1) having a "direct, substantial | | | | |
| | and reasonably foreseeable effect" on the United States; and whose conduct (2) "gives rise | | | | |
| | to a claim" under U.S. law. 15 U.S.C. § 6a (1)-(2). The evidence is overwhelming that | | | | |
| | Plaintiffs' claims meet this standard. At the very least, the record presents disputed | | | | |
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A. Defendants' Conduct Had A "Direct, Substantial And Foreseeable" Effect On Domestic Commerce

As the court held on strikingly similar facts in *LCD*, foreign conduct has a "direct, substantial and foreseeable effect" in the United States where, as here, an international cartel "colluded to increase the prices of . . . a major component in electronic products that are imported into the United States," causing "prices of the finished products in the United States to increase." *In re TFT-LCD (Flat Panel) Antitrust Litig.*, 822 F. Supp. 2d 953, 966

⁴⁵ Defendants focus their argument on the "direct effect" and "gives rise to" prongs of the FTAIA and do not dispute that the conduct in question had substantial and reasonably foreseeable effects on domestic commerce. Nor could they, given the volume of U.S. commerce affected and the evidence of Defendants' targeting.

(N.D. Cal. 2011). "If this effect is not 'direct,' it is difficult to imagine what would be."

Id.; see also Costco. 2014 WL 4718358, at *5-7 (same). 46

Courts have identified several factors that support a finding of "direct, substantial and foreseeable" U.S. effects, all of which are present here. For example, courts have emphasized the importance of evidence that the cartel intended to impact (or targeted) the U.S. market.⁴⁷ Here the Defendants did just that.⁴⁸

Other relevant factors in the FTAIA "direct, substantial, foreseeable" analysis include:

- Evidence of Actual Price Effects in the United States. See Netz Report passim (
- Cartel Conduct, Operations and Price Negotiations in the U.S. See pages 5-8, supra. ⁵⁰

⁴⁶ See also Motorola, 2014 WL 6678622, at *3 (if component prices were fixed, there would be a direct, substantial, and foreseeable effect on U.S.); *In re TFT-LCD*, 822 F. Supp. 2d at 946 (U.S. effects were direct and immediate notwithstanding "complex manufacturing process").

⁴⁷ See, e.g., Hsiung, 758 F.3d at 1084 (defendants' targeting for sale or delivery in the United States is relevant to the effect of the foreign conduct in the U.S.); Fond du Lac, 795 F. Supp. 2d at 851-52 (Defendants targeted the U.S. commerce and their alleged conduct therefore had a direct, substantial and foreseeable effect upon that commerce); Vitamin C, 904 F. Supp. 2d at 319 (defendants who deliberately targeted U.S. purchasers of Vitamin C in foreign markets for delivery into the U.S. met first FTAIA prong); In re Automotive Parts, 2014 WL 4209588, at *7 ("Plaintiffs have sufficiently alleged an anticompetitive conspiracy directly aimed at the United States automotive industry").

⁴⁸ See pages 4-9, supra (extensive evidence of targeting). Indeed, this Court has already determined that certain Philips Defendants "specifically directed price-fixing activity toward and into the United States. Even though much of the alleged conspiracy-related activity occurred abroad, just as it did with many other Defendants, the end target and end result was the United States." In re CRT, 2014 WL 2581525, at *8 (N.D. Cal. June 9, 2014). See also id. at *7 ("it has always been clear in this case that the United States market was the most significant CRT and CRT Product market for most of the defendants in the case, including Philips").

⁴⁹ See TFT-LCD, 822 F. Supp. 2d at 963 (similar expert analysis supports finding of direct effect); *id.* at 966 (direct effect established by evidence showing that "increased price of components caused the prices of finished products in the United States to increase").

- Fixing Benchmark Prices Applicable to U.S. Customers. See pages 5-8, supra.⁵¹
- Controlling the Global Market and Using that Market Power to Control Price and Output, Including for the United States. See Netz Report at 33
- Knowledge that Both Price-Fixed Tubes and Finished Products Incorporating Those Tubes Were Destined for the United States. See pages 5-9, supra.⁵³
- Monitoring the U.S. Market. See page 9, supra. 54

Given this extensive record and authority, Defendants are wrong to assert that "direct" effects are limited to the first point of sale. *See* Mot. at 2. Antitrust law has long recognized that direct injury can proceed through various layers of production and distribution, and the same rule applies under the FTAIA.⁵⁵ Defendants' contrary view not

⁵⁰ *Id.* at 963; see also In re TFT-LCD Antitrust Litig., 781 F. Supp. 2d 955, 962 (N.D. Cal. 2011) (U.S. price negotiations involving conspirators establishes "concrete link").

⁵¹ See Minn-Chem, 683 F.3d at 859 ("setting a benchmark price intended to govern later U.S. sales" would establish "a direct, substantial and reasonably foreseeable effect").

⁵² In re TFT-LCD (Flat Panel) Antitrust Litig., MDL No. 1827, 2013 WL 6174683, at *6 (N.D. Cal. Nov. 20, 2013) (direct, substantial, foreseeable effect supported by fact that "the international cartel controlled well over 90% of the TFT-LCD market, charged supracompetitive prices for TFT-LCD panels, and those panels were incorporated into billions of dollars worth of finished products such as computer monitors, notebook computers, and mobile phones that were imported into the United States and sold to United States companies and consumers"); Fond du Lac, 795 F. Supp. 2d at 851 (same).

⁵³ TFT-LCD, 822 F. Supp. 2d at 962-63 (defendants knew their products "would be sold in the United States" which was "the largest market").

⁵⁴ *Id.* at 967 n.5 (evidence "that defendants' employees monitored the prices of LCD products in the United States" indicates that "the price of LCD panels has 'direct,' 'immediate' consequence on American prices").

⁵⁵ See, e.g., Lotes Co. v. Hon Hai Precision Industry Co., 753 F.3d 395, 412-13 (2d Cir. 2014) (explaining in the FTAIA context that "antitrust law has long recognized that anticompetitive injuries can be transmitted through multi-layered supply chains . . . Indeed, the Supreme Court has held that claims by indirect purchasers are 'consistent with the broad purposes of the federal antitrust laws: deterring anticompetitive conduct and ensuring the compensation of victims of that conduct.") (citation omitted). See also 1B Phillip E. Areeda & Herbert Hovenkamp, Antitrust Law ¶ 272, at 309 (4th ed. 2013)

only runs afoul of established antitrust precedent on what constitutes direct injury, but also conflicts with the fundamental purpose of state and federal antitrust laws, which is to protect American consumers injured in domestic commerce, as Plaintiffs were here. ⁵⁶

U.S. v. LSL Biotechs., 379 F.3d at 680, is not to the contrary. First, LSL was not a price-fixing case. The matter involved a complex business venture in which an American company (LSL) and an Israeli firm (Hazera) attempted to develop better tomato seeds. Under the LSL/Hazera agreement, LSL secured the exclusive right to distribute any future seeds in North America, assuming the venture was successful in creating them. The government challenged this provision as anticompetitive insofar as it foreclosed Hazera from supplying the U.S. market.

The Ninth Circuit affirmed the district court's dismissal of the government's claims, holding that (1) "an effect is direct if it follows as an immediate consequence of the defendant's activity" and (2) because the hypothetical seed technology had never been developed, the alleged U.S. harm was too "speculative" to constitute a direct effect. Id. at 681 ("The delay of possible 'innovations' does not have a direct effect on American commerce . . . any innovation that Hazera would bring to American consumers is speculative at best and doubtful at worst.").

^{(&}quot;Many, perhaps most, restraints are on 'intermediate' goods," but effects "in upstream markets quickly filter into consumer markets as well.").

⁵⁶ See, e.g., Hartford Fire, 509 U.S. at 796 (it is "well established" that U.S. antitrust laws apply "to foreign conduct that was meant to produce and did in fact produce some substantial effects in the United States"); Empagran I, 542 U.S. at 165 ("application of our antitrust laws to foreign anticompetitive conduct is nonetheless reasonable" where foreign conduct causes "domestic antitrust injury" (emphasis in original)); TFT-LCD, 822 F. Supp. 2d at 963-64 ("adopting a definition of 'direct' under which only the first sale of a product could satisfy the standard would exclude from the Sherman Act's reach a significant amount of anticompetitive conduct that has real consequences for American consumers"); cf. Pfizer, Inc. v. Gov't of India, 434 U.S. 308, 314 (1978) ("Congress' foremost concern in passing the antitrust laws was the protection of Americans").

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Defendants cite LSL as support for the proposition that, in component price-fixing cases, "immediate" U.S. effects must be limited to the first point of sale (i.e., the Defendants' first sale of a price-fixed tube). But LSL says nothing of the sort. The case did not remotely address intermediate transactions in the chain of distribution. LSL held simply that concrete proof (not speculation) is necessary to bridge the causal gap between a defendant's conduct and United States effect. There was no record of any domestic injury in LSL, hence the effect was purely speculative. In contrast here, as in LCD, the record of actual U.S. harm is voluminous. 10 Rejecting the same argument by the defendants on a similar record, the LCD court held that the "immediate consequence" of the global cartel was injury to "the United States consumer." TFT-LCD, 822 F. Supp. 2d at 964. The court explained: [A]n effect does not become "indirect" simply because the American 14 OEMs use a complex manufacturing process. Where, as here, the nature of the effect does not change in any substantial way before it reaches the United States consumer, the effect is an "immediate consequence" of the defendant's anticompetitive behavior. Id. (cartel directly affected U.S. commerce even though their products took a circuitous route, because the conspiracy targeted the U.S.); see also id. ("because the effect of defendants' anticompetitive conduct did not change significantly between the beginning of the process (overcharges for LCD panels) and the end (overcharges for televisions, monitors, and notebook computers), the effect "proceeded without deviation or interruption"); Costco, 2014 WL 4718358, *5-7 (same).⁵⁷ Because an extensive record establishes direct, substantial and reasonably foreseeable domestic effects caused by the CRT conspiracy—including but not limited to

⁵⁷ The LCD court also distinguished United Phosphorus, Ltd. v. Angus Chem. Co., 131 F. Supp. 2d 1003 (N.D. III. 2001), cited by Defendants (Mot. at 14). See In re TFT-LCD, 822 F. Supp. 2d at 966-67 ("there was no evidence linking the foreign anticompetitive conduct

[in *United Phosphorus*] and its purported effect" on the *foreign plaintiff* in that case).

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Plaintiffs' expert analysis tracing and quantifying the harm using standard economic methods—summary judgment must be denied. *TFT-LCD*, 822 F. Supp. 2d at 967 ("plaintiffs have identified domestic injury that is concrete and quantifiable" and "directly traceable back to the defendants' anticompetitive conduct.").

B. The FTAIA's "Gives Rise" Prong Does Not Bar Plaintiffs' Claims

The FTAIA's "gives rise" prong, like the FTAIA as a whole, is intended to limit the ability of *foreign* plaintiffs, not American plaintiffs, to bring Sherman Act claims. In particular, it requires a proximate cause analysis to determine whether a particular *foreign* injury was proximately caused by the United States effects of the alleged violation. *See In re Dynamic Random Access Memory (DRAM) Antitrust Litig.*, 546 F.3d 981, 988-89 (9th Cir. 2008) (domestic effects of conspiracy did not proximately cause *British manufacturer's* foreign injury on foreign purchases).⁵⁸

Conversely, where the defendants' activities targeted the U.S. market, and the plaintiffs are U.S. purchasers or consumers, the FTAIA's "gives rise" requirement is no barrier at all and courts allow the claims to proceed. *See, e.g., Costco,* 2014 WL 4718358, at *6 ("if the direct effect of Defendants' foreign conduct was to raise the price of finished products for import, there is little question that [the claim] 'arises from' that effect"); *Fond du Lac,* 795 F. Supp. 2d at 851-52 (defendants targeted U.S. commerce; and "[a]fter all, fixing the prices that American buyers like plaintiffs had to pay for AM parts was the whole point of the alleged conspiracy."). ⁵⁹

⁵⁸ See also Empagran I, 542 U.S. at 164 (claims brought by foreign vitamin distributors; FTAIA exception inapplicable where "the adverse foreign effect is independent of any adverse domestic effect") (emphasis added); Den Norske Stats Oljeselskap As v. HeereMac Vof, 241 F.3d 420, 426, 428-29 (5th Cir. 2001) (Norwegian company conducting business solely in the North Sea could not bring suit because its injury did not arise from effect on United States commerce); Motorola, 2014 WL 6678622, at *4 (rejecting claims of foreign subsidiaries under Sherman Act because "U.S. antitrust laws are not to be used for injury to foreign customers").

⁵⁹ Defendants' cited cases involved foreign injury to foreign plaintiffs, and are thus inapposite. *See Empagran S.A. v. F. Hoffmann-LaRoche, Ltd.,* 417 F.3d 1267, 1271 (D.C. Cir. 2005) ("Nor do the appellants [foreign plaintiffs] otherwise identify the kind of direct

| 1 | Plaintiffs' claims are not those of foreign entities. They are claims by U.S. | | | | |
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| 2 | purchasers alleging domestic injuries caused by Defendants' targeting of the U.S. market. | | | | |
| 3 | For all the reasons stated above, these claims readily satisfy the standards of proximate | | | | |
| 4 | cause used to determine whether the CRT cartel—and its domestic effects—give rise to | | | | |
| 5 | actionable claims. Moreover, these questions of causation, like other matters implicating | | | | |
| 6 | Defendants' knowledge and intent, raise fact issues for trial. See In re TFT-LCD Antitrust | | | | |
| 7 | Litig., MDL No. 1827, 2012 WL 4513866, at *1 (N.D. Cal. Oct. 1, 2012) (FTAIA's | | | | |
| 8 | "giving rise" prong implicates fact issues relating to causation); Perkins v. Standard Oil | | | | |
| 9 | Co. of Cal., 395 U.S. 642, 648 (1969) ("If there is sufficient evidence in the record to | | | | |
| 10 | support an inference of causation, the ultimate conclusion as to what that evidence proves | | | | |
| 11 | is for the jury."). | | | | |
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| 15 | States. The FTAIA was never intended to shield international cartelists from liability for | | | | |
| 16 | injuries caused to U.S. businesses and consumers. This is particularly true where, as here, | | | | |
| 17 | the evidence that the cartel targeted the United States is overwhelming. Defendants' | | | | |
| 18 | motion for partial summary judgment must be denied. | | | | |
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| 27 | tie to U.S. commerce found in the cited cases."); <i>Lotes</i> , 753 F.3d at 414 (Taiwanese plaintiff's injury "flowed directly from the defendant's exclusionary <i>foreign</i> conduct" (complexes added)); In we Morage directly from the defendant's exclusionary foreign conduct" | | | | |

[(emphasis added)); In re Monosodium Glutamate Antitrust Litig., 477 F.3d 535, 540 (8th Cir. 2007) (foreign plaintiffs' harm only indirectly caused by effects in U.S.).

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